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SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23---Buell F. Maben, regional director of food distribution for the War Food Administration, said today that with civilian supplies of butter at the highest level in more than a year, government purchases will be resumed April 1.

For the past six months, government war requirements for butter have been met from stockpiles built up during months of heavy production last spring and summer, permitting the entire production since September to move into civilian consumption channels.

Maben said manufacturers will be required to set aside 10 per cent of their April butter production, but that seasonal increases in production are expected to maintain civilian supplies at about the March level. In February, March and April last year---before the government had stockpiles upon which to draw---the set-aside was 30 per cent.

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GLYCERINE USE RESTRICTIONS RELAXED - Emphasizing that the action should not be interpreted to discourage the continued collection of kitchen grease, the WFA has suspended temporarily---through April, May and June---restrictions on the use of glycerine for civilian needs.

The action is to enable manufacturers to replenish inventories and is made possible by the increased production of fats due to the record number of hogs coming to market. The need for "hard fats" salvaged from the kitchen is greater than ever, says the WFA.

Simultaneously, the WFA prohibited, effective March 27, the use of cottonseed peanut, soybean and corn oils in the manufacture of products for thinning or reducing paints, varnishes, lacquers and other protective coatings.

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